average crude oil price in the international market during the last few months October, 1992—January, 1993) was between $ 21.53—$ 15.19 per barrel. Based on actual weighted average price, for this period the country has saved about US $ 150.56 million in foreign exchange.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal at present.

Proposal for Development of Southern Gas Grid

352. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to develop Southern gas grid;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to develop similar gas grid connecting central and northern parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The concept of laying a gas pipeline from the Western offshore to the Southern State has been approved in principle.

(c) The HBJ pipeline system which supplies natural gas from the Western offshore to units located in the States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Haryana already exists.

प्राकृतिक गैस का आयात

353. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार देश में प्राकृतिक गैस की बढ़ती हुई मांग को ध्यान में रखते हुए इसके आयात का निर्णय ले रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार ने आगामी वर्षों में घरेलू रूप से उत्पादित प्राकृतिक गैस की उपलब्धता का आकलन किया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो वर्ष, 1996-97 के अंत तक प्राकृतिक गैस अनुमानत: कितनी मात्रा में उपलब्ध होगी : और

(घ) उस समय देश में गैस की मांग और आपूर्ति में कितना अन्तर होगा ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) मध्य-पूर्व से पाइपलाइन के जरिए प्राकृतिक गैस के आयात का प्रस्ताव अवधारणा के चरण में है ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) और (घ) पहले ही किए गए लगभग 95 एम एम एस सी एम डी के आबंटन की तुलना में वर्ष 1996-97 तक उपलब्धता लगभग 80 एम एम एस सी एम डी होने की आशा है और गैस अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लि. के पास लगभग 260 एम एम एस सी एम डी की मांग दर्ज की गई है ।

Enlisting Japanese Investment and Expertise in oil Exploration

354. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to enlist Japanese investment and expertise in oil exploration as reported in Economic Times dated 3rd April, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this package;

(c) whether despite India's open door policy of liberalisation, the Japanese have not yet evinced keen interest in tie-ups with India in the field of oil exploration; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH

SHARMA : (a) to (d) In tune with Government's policy of attracting private investment in the hydrocarbon sector, Government has also invited Japanese companies to participate in investment in oil exploration in India. The terms offered to Japanese companies would be similar to those offered to other companies, that is, these would be production-sharing contracts between Government, ONGC/OIL & private companies with production of petroleum being shared between Government and the private companies after recovery of costs by the private companies. The response by the Japanese companies is awaited.

मालनपुर औद्योगिक क्षेत्र के लिए रेल सम्पर्क

355. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या **रेल** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को गुना-शिवपुरी-ग्वालियर-भिण्ड-इटावा निर्माणाधीन रेल लाइन के ग्वालियर-भिण्ड भाग के बीच संरेखण पर पुनः विचार कर मालनपुर औद्योगिक क्षेत्र को रेल लाइन से जोड़ने का कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है; यदि हां, तो प्रस्तावित मार्ग परिवर्तन पर कितना अतिरिक्त व्यय होने का अनुमान है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार मालनपुर औद्योगिक क्षेत्र को सेवा उपलब्ध कराने के लिए ऐसे मार्ग परिवर्तन संबंधी प्रस्ताव पर विचार करेगी जिसमें अधिक व्यय अन्तर्ग्रस्त नहीं है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. सी. लेंका) : (क) जी हां, 55 लाख रुपये ।

(ख) प्रस्ताव पहले ही अनुमोदित कर दिया गया है ।

Modernisation of Railway Stations

356. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to modernise Railway Stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details of funds allotted for the purpose during the last three years;

(c) whether Hyderabad and Waltair Stations of Andhra Pradesh are included in the modernisation scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allocations made during the last three years are as under :

Year	Allocation
	(Rs. in lakh)
1990-91	2198.64
1991-92	1659.83
1992-93	8122.22

(c) and (d) Development works at Hyderabad—cost Rs. 150.00 lakhs and Visakhapatnam (formerly Waltair —cost Rs. 94.90 lakhs in the State of Andhra Pradesh have been taken up.

Setting up a Railway Division at Rangiya of Assam

357. SHRI BHADRESHWAR GOHAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be plased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision so far in regard to declare Rangiya of Assam as Divisional Headquarter of N. F. Railway; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Goverment are aware that numerous representations/appeals have been made by the people of Assam since a long time for setting up of a Railway Division at Rangiya ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No, Sir.